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REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

Citizens of Carver: —

The Selectmen submit their Annual Report of the receipts and expenditures of the town for the past year, with such other facts as may be of interest.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

ANDREW GRIFFITH, *Treasurer.*

DR.

To cash on hand March 7, 1891, . .	$3,332 18
Rec'd from Geo. B. Fuller, license to peddle,	6 00
Wm. L. Randall, license to peddle,	3 00
Wm. E. Bruce, rent of almshouse,	21 00
Roswell Shurtleff, rent of barn, .	3 75
E. A. Richards, grass, town farm, .	1 00
Wm. Savery, agent, borrowed money,	1,000 00
B. A. Hathaway, clerk 3d Dist. court, fines, ...	10 00
State Treasurer, corporation tax, .	576 47
State Treasurer, National Bank tax,	870 58
State Treasurer, State Aid, Chap. 301,	359 00
State Treasurer, Military Aid, Chap. 279,	72 00
Wm. L. Chipman, clerk 4th Dist. court, fines, ...	15 45
Wm. L. Chipman, clerk, cost in Cobb case, ...	11 03
P. McFarlin, trustee Ellis School Fund,	160 00
G. Atwood, trustee Pratt School Fund,	100 00
State Treasurer, Mass. School Fund,	267 64
County Treasurer, dividend dog licenses,	110 97
Plymouth Savings Bank, railroad loan,	4,000 00

Rec'd from collection of taxes, . .	5,590 00	
Interest on delinquent taxes, . .	26 44	
Griffith Cemetery fund, . . .	224 52	
Total Receipts, ...	. .	$16,761 63

1892. CR.

March 5.	Paid support of poor, . .	$1,380 29	
	Support of schools, . .	2,271 60	
	Repairs of highways, . .	1,211 64	
	Removal of snow, highways,	12 15	
	Repairs of school-houses, .	113 27	
	Repairs of bridges, . .	392 07	
	School books and incidentals,	260 95	
	Support of school, East Head,	145 00	
	State Aid, Chap. 301, . .	300 00	
	Military Aid, Chap. 279, .	144 00	
	Soldier's Relief, Chap. 447, .	308 66	
	New road, First Swamp, .	93 50	
	Wm. Savery, agent, loan, .	1,000 00	
	State tax, ...	480 00	
	County tax, ...	784 97	
	Incidental town expenses, .	725 97	
	Fifty shares P. & M.R.R. stock,	5,000 00	
	Griffith Cemetery Fund, deposited in Wareham Savings Bank, ...	224 52	
Cash on hand March 5, 1892, . . .		1,913 04	
			$16,761 63

SCHOOLS.

Receipts and expenditures connected with the support of schools the past year: —

DR.

To balance from 1890, ...	$ 812 45
Appropriation, 1891, ...	1,500 00
Ellis School Fund, appropriated to District 4, ...	160 00

Pratt School Fund, ...	100 00	
Massachusetts School Fund, . .	267 64	
Dividend, dog licenses, . . .	110 97	
		$2,951 06

CR.

Paid approved bills of School Committee, as follows: —

Lillian W. Dove, teacher, No. 1 Grammar,	$336 00
B. E. Cornish, teacher, No. 1 Primary, .	167 00
Myra A. Shaw, teacher, No. 2, . .	172 50
Lulie Robbins, teacher, No. 2, . . .	65 00
Vesta B. Shaw, teacher, No. 3, . . .	184 00
Sadie F. Atwood, teacher, No. 3, . .	72 00
Charles L. Bates, teacher, No. 4 Grammar,	230 00
Vesta B. Shaw, teacher, No. 4 Grammar,	81 00
Lizzie M. Schouler, teacher, No. 4 Primary,	221 50
R. W. Benson, teacher, No. 5, . . .	235 20
G. G. Atwood, teacher, No. 8, . . .	240 00
Leila B. Thomas, teacher, No. 8, . .	60 00
Clinton Shurtleff, janitor, No. 1 Primary, .	8 00
L. C. Robbins, No. 1 Grammar, . .	8 40
Harry Cassidy, janitor, No. 2, . . .	8 00
W. D. Shurtleff, janitor, No. 3, . .	5 00
W. E. Cornish, janitor, No. 3, . . .	1 40
Sadie F. Atwood, janitor, No. 3, . .	2 25
C. L. Bates, janitor, No. 4 Grammar, .	4 29
Carl Southworth, janitor, No. 4, " . .	2 25
L. M. Schouler, janitor, No. 4 Primary, .	4 75
Arnold Hammond, janitor, No. 5, . .	8 00
G. G. Atwood, janitor, No. 8, . . .	5 00
L. B. Thomas, janitor, No. 8, . . .	2 00
Chandler Robbins, wood bill, Nos. 1 and 2 Schools, ...	38 25
C. F. Cornell, sawing and splitting, No. 1,	9 17
E. W. Hackett, sawing and splitting, No. 1,	3 12
C. A. Smith, sawing and splitting No. 2, .	1 50
	5204
	2819
	2385

W. Cayvir, sawing and splitting No. 2,	3 30	
S. D. Atwood, wood bill, No. 2, . .	3 00	
E. H. Murdock, wood bill, No. 2, . .	15 36	
J. A. Vaughan, wood bill, No. 3, . .	4 38	
W. Cayvir, sawing and splitting, No. 3, .	1 20	
C. E. Vaughan, sawing and splitting, No. 3,	3 00	
Gustavus Atwood, wood and cutting, Nos. 4 and 2 Schools, ...	28 19	
E. S. Lucas, wood bill, No. 5, . . .	2 25	
J. A. Vaughan, wood bill, No. 5, . .	8 75	
G. P. Lincoln, sawing and splitting, No. 5,	75	
R. W. Benson, sawing wood, No. 5, cash paid,	2 05	
Gustavus Atwood, wood and sawing, No. 8,	6 01	
Mrs. G. E. Atwood, cleaning, No. 1, .	6 00	
Mrs. S. W. Gould, cleaning, No. 3, . .	3 00	
Mrs. Davis, cleaning, No. 8, . . .	3 78	
Mrs. N. G. Swift, cleaning, No. 4, . .	5 00	
Total expenses, ...	$2,271 60	
Balance to new account, . .	679 46	
		$2,951 06

HIGHWAYS.

Receipts and expenditures connected with the repairs of highways the past year: —

DR.

To balance from 1890, ...	$ 192 74	
Appropriation of 1891, ...	1,200 00	
		$1,392 74

CR.

Paid I. S. Shurtleff, commissioner, . .	$ 452 74	
O. L. Shurtleff, same, ...	393 92	
H. T. Hammond, same, ...	364 98	
Total expenses, ...	$1,211 64	
Balance to new account, ...	181 10	
		$1,392 74

REMOVAL OF SNOW.—HIGHWAYS.

Receipts and expenses connected with the removal of snow from highways the past year: —

DR.

To balance from 1890, ...	$25 22	
		$25 22

CR.

Paid O. L. Shurtleff, commissioner, . .	9 90	
I. S. Shurtleff, same, ...	2 25	
Total expenses, ...	$12 15	
Balance to new account, ...	13 07	
		$25 22

REPAIRS OF BRIDGES.

Receipts and expenses connected with the repairs of bridges the past year: —

DR.

To appropriation of 1891, ...	$500 00	
Still overdrawn, ...	54 06	
		$554 06

CR.

Paid O. L. Shurtleff, commissioner, for washouts, ...	$ 6 90
I. S. Shurtleff, same, drain pipe and setting, near A. S. Perkins', . .	10 83
W. T. Jefferson, with two men, on Shaky Bottom bridge, . . .	24 50
I. S. Shurtleff, commissioner, work on same, ...	18 90
W. T. Jefferson and two men, team and stone, H. Washburn bridge, .	36 75
P. Gifford, lumber for same, . .	5 49
I. S. Shurtleff, commissioner, work and material, same, . . .	12 05

O. L. Shurtleff, commissioner, work and material, So. Meadow bridge and drain, ...	276 65	
Total expenses . -	$392 07	
Overdrawn in 1889 and 1890, . . .	161 99	
		$554 06

REPAIRS OF SCHOOL-HOUSES.

Receipts and expenditures connected with the repairs of School-houses the past year :—

DR.

To balance from 1890, ...	$ 74 65	
Appropriation of 1891, ...	100 00	
		$174 65

CR.

Paid T. T. Vaughan, work in repairs, on Nos. 3 and 5, ...	$ 4 00	
F. A. Ward, small repairs, No. 1, .	1 84	
C. H. Holmes, material and painting, No. 2, ...	24 28	
T. T. Vaughan, floor boards, No. 2, .	1 80	
J. F. Lucas, painting blackboard, No. 1, ...	1 25	
W. E. Cornish, labor on No. 3, . .	1 20	
J. A. Vaughan, labor, No. 3, . .	2 75	
Jones Bros., wall paper, No. 3, . .	4 60	
J. J. Tobey, for labor, etc., No. 3, .	6 35	
Wm. Cayvir, repairing fence, No. 2, .	1 00	
Gustavus Atwood, repairs, No. 4, .	10 03	
Gustavus Atwood, material and painting, No. 8, ...	36 36	
J. & G. E. Doane, paint for No. 2, .	13 91	
Jones Bros., for shades for No. 1, .	2 45	
R. W. Benson, cash paid repairs, No. 5,	1 45	
Total expenditures, ...	$113 27	
Balance to new account, ...	61 38	
		$$174 65

SCHOOL-BOOKS AND INCIDENTALS.

Receipts and expenses connected with school-book and incidental account the past year: —

DR.

To appropriation of 1891, ...	$100 00	
Deficiency of 1890 and 1891, ...	208 78	
		$308 78

CR.

Paid Geo. F. King & Merrill, books, etc.,	$34 87	
American Book Co., books, . .	69 98	
D. C. Heath & Co., books, . . .	28 50	
Porter & Coates, books, . . .	92 88	
Thompson, Brown & Co., books, .	18 00	
Boston School Supply Co., books, .	5 52	
J. J. Tobey, express on books, . .	4 70	
Ellis Foundry Co., utensils for schools,	3 80	
J. C. Whitehead, brooms, . . .	60	
Gustavus Aiwood, brooms, . . .	70	
T. T. Vaughan, cash advanced, brooms and dipper, ...	85	
R. W. Benson, express, etc., . .	55	
Total expenses, ...	$260 95	
Overdrawn in 1890, ...	47 83	
		$308 78

SCHOOL. — EAST HEAD.

Receipts and expenditures connected with the school at East Head the past year: —

DR.

To balance from 1890, ...	$ 55 00	
Appropriation of 1891, ...	150 00	
		$205 00

CR.

Paid Lena F. Tillson, teacher, . . .	$ 55 00
Orrie E. Clark, teacher, ...	50 00

Paid Orrie E. Clark, ...	40 00	
Total expenses, ...	$145 00	
Balance to new account, ...	60 00	
		$205 00

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Receipts and expenditures connected with the relief of soldiers and families the past year: —

DR.

To balance from 1890, ...	$ 45 67	
Appropriation of 1891, ...	300 00	
		$345 67

CR.

Paid Sylvia C. Dunham, ...	$126 00	
I. F. Atwood's family, Plymouth, .	182 66	
Total expenditures, ...	$308 66	
Balance to new account, ...	37 01	
		$345 67

STATE AID.

Receipts and disbursements connected with State Aid to soldiers and families under Chap. 301 the past year: —

DR.

Due from the State, ...		$350 00

CR.

Paid Charles Atwood, ...	$ 48 00	
Lorenzo N. Shaw, ...	60 00	
Abby H. Eddy, ...	48 00	
Lucy W. Fuller, ...	48 00	
P. Jane Barrows, ...	48 00	
Eliza B. Shurtleff, ...	48 00	
Total disbursements, ...	$300 00	
Paid previous to March 7, 1891, . .	50 00	
		$350 00

MILITARY AID.

Receipts and disbursements under Chap. 279 the past year: —

DR.

Due from the State, ...	$84 00	
One half paid by Carver, ...	84 00	
		$168 00

CR.

Paid Samuel J. Ham, ...	$48 00	
Manoah Hurd, ...	96 00	
Total disbursement, ...	$144 00	
Paid previous to March 7, 1891, . . .	24 00	
		$168 00

NEW ROAD.

Receipts and expenses connected with the building of the road at First Swamp: —

DR.

To appropriation of 1891, ...		$100 00

CR.

Paid O. L. Shurtleff, commissioner, for labor, ...	$ 66 00	
L. S. Bumpus, land damage and fencing, ...	25 00	
T. T. Vaughan, six monuments and setting, ...	2 50	
Total expense, ...	$ 93 50	
Balance unexpended, ...	6 50	
		$100 00

RAILROAD.

Purchase of fifty shares of P. & M. R. R. stock under vote of the town, October 29, 1891 :—

DR.

To borrowed of Plymouth Savings Bank,	$4,000 00	
To drawn from surplus cash in town treasury, ...	1,000 00	
		$5,000 00

CR.

Paid Jason W. Mixter, treas. P. & M. R. R. Co.,	$5,000 00

POOR.

Receipts and expenses connected with the support of poor the past year :—

DR.

To balance from 1890, ...	$ 243 50	
Appropriation of 1891, . .	1,200 00	
Rent of almshouse, . . .	21 00	
Barn rent and grass, . . .	4 75	
		$1,469 25

CR.

Paid Willard Sears, support, ...	$ 291 06
Barney Lucas, support, Wareham, .	106 00
W. McFarlin, Taunton Lunatic Hospital, ...	169 46
Sarah Bumpus, aid, ...	78 00
Charles Roberry, aid, ...	104 00
John Thomas, support, ...	133 25
Town of Plymouth, aid to Wm. Pratt,	52 25
City of Brockton, aid to J. P. Lucas,	102 00
Town of Plymouth, doctoring Chas. W. Atwood, ...	98 15
Town of Nantucket, aid to Phebe Shurtleff, ...	19 30

Paid town of Danvers, aid to Tillson boy,	25 00	
Louisa Ransom, aid to Susan Robbins,	33 00	
City of Chelsea, aid to S. J. Ham, .	12 50	
J. B. Williams, board of Chas. Lucas,	34 50	
John Coad, aid, ...	36 37	
E. H. Cornish, doctoring Allen Stringer's family, . . .	25 50	
Burial of French child, . . .	3 00	
Charles Atwood, aid, . . .	5 00	
Repairs almshouse, . . .	45	
Town of Wareham, aid to E. Stringer,	5 00	
J. B. Williams, care and lunch for 474 tramps, ...	118 50	
Total expense of poor, ...	$1,380 29	
Balance to new account, . . .	88 96	
		$1,469 25

INCIDENTAL TOWN EXPENSES.

Receipts and expenses connected with incidental town expenses the past year: —

DR.

To balance from 1890, ...	$ 152 73	
Appropriation of 1891, . . .	550 00	
Pedlers' licenses, ...	9 00	
Cost reimbursed in criminal case, .	11 03	
Fines in criminal cases, . . .	25 45	
Interest on taxes, ...	26 44	
Corporation tax, ...	576 47	
National Bank tax, ...	870 58	
Loan, ...	1,000 00	
		$3,221 70

CR.

Paid A. Griffith, treasurer and collector, commission in 1890, . . .	164 09	
A. Griffith, printing, postage and stationery, ...	11 24	

Paid A. Griffith, selectman, overseer of poor, and registrar of voters, .	100 00
Fred A. Ward, same, . . .	36 50
T. T. Vaughan, same, . . .	26 00
A. T. Shurtleff, town clerk and expenses, ...	41 97
N. Sherman, auditor, . . .	2 00
J. A. Vaughan, auditor, . . .	2 00
H. L. Thatcher & Co., printing town reports, . - . . .	39 75
N. Lincoln, member school committee, 1890, . - . . .	54 80
Fred A. Dimond, constable, 1889, .	2 00
A. S. Burbank, book for highway locations, ...	4 00
D. W. Andrews, printing railroad meeting notice, . . .	3 00
Gustavus Atwood, member school committee, 1890, . . .	36 21
W. D. Shurtleff, care of school-books,	5 00
S. B. Briggs, constable, 1880, .	14 50
S. B. Briggs, herring committee, service, 1889 and 1890, . .	7 00
E. W. Shaw, returning four deaths,	1 00
A. Griffith, assessor, 1891, . .	20 00
F. A. Ward, same, 1891, . .	20 00
T. T. Vaughan, same, 1891, . .	20 00
F. A. Ward, guide-post and board at Eames', ...	1 60
E. S. Lucas, member herring committee, 1890, ...	1 50
S. B. Briggs, constable at election, .	1 00
G. Atwood, teller at election, . .	1 50
B. W. Robbins, inspector at election,	1 00
S. F. McFarlin, inspector at election,	1 00
Geo. P. Lincoln, teller at election, .	50
J. A. Vaughan, teller at election, .	50

Freeman Manter, officer, cost in criminal cases, ...	13 50	
M. E. Shurtleff, copying road locations, ...	10 00	
B. W. Bump, officer, cost, criminal case, ...	11 03	
J. W. Hurley, officer, cost, criminal case, ...	4 60	
E. H. Cornish, member school committee, 1890, ...	9 50	
Wm. Savery, agent, interest on note,	25 00	
G. Atwood, guide-boards and posts, Jabez bridge, ...	2 00	
J. J. Tobey, member school committee, 1891, services, . . .	15 93	
J. W. Atwood, returning ten deaths, 1891, ...	2 50	
H. L. Thatcher & Co., printing voters' list, ...	9 50	
N. Sherman, returning eleven deaths, 1891, ...	2 75	
Total incidental town expenses, . .	$ 725 97	
Paid State tax, ...	480 00	
County tax, ...	784 97	
Loan, ...	1,000 00	
	$2,990 94	
Balance to new account, . . .	230 76	
		$3,221 70

COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT.

A. Griffith, *Collector*.

DR.

1891.		
March 7.	To uncollected taxes, bills of 1879. . .	$82 29

CR.

1892.		
March 5.	Still uncollected, ...	$82 29

DR.

1891.		
March 7.	To uncollected taxes, bills of 1889, . .	$78 04

CR.

1892.			
March 5.	By Wm. C. Richards, tax abated, ...	$10 84	
	W. Frank Chandler, tax abated, .	2 00	
	I. M. Smith, poll and personal abated, ...	2 40	
	Collected in 1891, . . .	61 03	
	Amount uncollected, . . .	1 77	
			$78 04

DR.

1891.		
March 7.	To uncollected taxes, bills of 1890. . .	$684 76

CR.

1892.			
March 5.	By. O. P. Griffith. tax abated,	$2 00	
	Lamont Pratt, tax abated, .	4 15	
	J. W. Seaver, tax abated. .	1 08	
	Amount collected in 1891, .	652 87	
	By amount uncollected, . .	24 66	
			$684 76

DR.

1891.		
Aug. 1.	To amount of taxes, bills 1891, . .	$5,796 70

CR.

1892.			
March 5.	By amount collected in 1891, .	$4,876 70	
	Still uncollected, . . .	920 00	
			$5,796 70

The Treasurer's books have been examined and found correct and all payments were properly vouched for.

The amount of cash on hand was found to be $1,913 04, as shown in the Treasurer's account.

NELSON SHERMAN,
Auditor of Carver.

Carver, March 5, 1892.

TOWN LIABILITIES.

Borrowed of Plymouth Savings Bank at 4½ %, .	$4,000 00
School appropriation not paid out, ...	679 46
East Head school appropriation not paid out, . .	60 00
Highway appropriation undrawn, ...	181 10
Poor bills unsettled, estimated, ...	250 00
A. Griffith, treasurer and collector 1891, not paid, .	173 49
A. Griffith, printing, postage and stationery, . .	13 11
A. Griffith, selectman, overseer of poor, and registrar of voters, ...	91 64
A. T. Shurtleff, town clerk and expenses, . .	39 27
All other demands against town, estimated, . .	400 00
Estimated liabilities, -	$5,888 07

ASSETS.

Cash in the treasury, ... - . .	$1,913 04
Due from State, aid to soldiers, Chap. 301, . .	350 00
Due from State, aid to soldiers, Chap. 279, . .	84 00

Uncollected taxes of 1879,	82 29
" " 1889,	1 77
" " 1890,	24 66
" " 1891,	920 00
Fifty shares P. & M. R. R. stock,	
Estimated assets,	$3,375 76
Liabilities over assets,	2,512 31

ASSESSORS' STATISTICS 1891.

Value of personal estate,	$151,095	
Value of real estate,	517,570	
Total valuation, May 1,		$668,665
Value of buildings,	$158,335	
Value of land,	359,235	
		$517,570

Raised by taxation: —

Support of poor,	$1,200 00	
Support of schools,	1,500 00	
Repairs of highways,	1,200 00	
Repairs of bridges,	500 00	
Repairs of school-houses,	100 00	
Soldiers' relief,	300 00	
School-books and incidentals,	100 00	
East Head school,	150 00	
Town incidentals,	550 00	
Road, First Swamp,	100 00	
State tax,	480 00	
County tax,	784 97	
	$6,964 97	
Deduct estimated bank and corporation tax,	1,200 00	
	$5,764 97	
Overlay,	31 73	
Total sum assessed,		$5,796,70

Tax rate per $1,000,	$8 00
Poll tax,	2 00
Number polls,	223
Number persons taxed,	549
On poll only,	57
On property,	492
Number horses,	172
Number cows,	170
Neat cattle other than cows,	55
Number shotes,	54
Number mules,	7
Number sheep,	5
Number ponies,	7
Number donkeys,	2
Number dwellings,	275
Number acres land,	20,066
Number acres cranberry bog taxed,	868½

APPROPRIATIONS, 1892.

The following sums of money are recommended to meet current expenses the ensuing year: —

Support of poor,	$1,350 00
Support of schools,	1,500 00
Repairs of highways,	1,200 00
Repairs of bridges,	150 00
Repairs of school-houses,	100 00
School-books and incidentals,	300 00
Soldeirs' relief, Chap. 447,	300 00
Town incidentals,	500 00
School, East Head,	150 00
Town debt,	1,000 00
Interest on debt,	200 00
Removal of show, highways,	250 00

It will be noticed that $1,000 has been taken from the surplus cash in the treasury and paid towards the purchase of railroad stock, instead of borrowing. The balance the town borrowed of

the Plymouth Savings Bank, for which four notes were given for $1,000 each, and one becoming due annually, with interest at four and one-half per cent., payable semi-annually.

We think an appropriation of $300 is necessary for the School Book account, this account being overdrawn $208 78. Otherwise the appropriations met expenses the past year.

It is advisable that economy be practiced where it can be done, and to this end the appropriations were made up and recommended, knowing that there must neeessarily be an increase in the tax rate the ensuing year.

We shall be obliged to borrow more money on short time to meet notes and interest becoming due January next. It may be necessary to have interest charged on taxes not paid November 1st next. This would stimulate collection and enable the Treasurer to meet those obligations.

For the first time in many years the town is on the wrong side of the ledger in the sum of $2,500. While this is not as bad as showing as might be, to conservative Carver it is humiliating to have to chase the money-lender.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW GRIFFITH,
FRED A. WARD,
T. T. VAUGHAN,
Selectmen of Carver.

TOWN MEETING.

Contents of Warrant for town meeting to be held at the town house on Monday, the 28th day of March next, at 1 o'clock p. m.

ART. 1. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all necessary town officers, including a road commissioner in place of O. L. Shurtleff, resigned, for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges and payment of debt and interest the ensuing year.

ART. 4. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and decide the compensation of labor thereon.

ART. 5. To decide when taxes shall become due, and whether any interest shall be charged after a certain date.

ART. 6. To see what pay the town will vote the treasurer and collector and other town officers.

ART. 7. To see if the town will instruct the treasurer to borrow money under the direction of the selectmen, if found necessary, in anticipation of taxes the ensuing year.

ART. 8. To see if the town will vote to pay one thousand dollars annually and appropriate one thousand dollars from the surplus cash in the treasury for payment of the railroad debt.

ART. 9. To see if the town will accept the report of the selectmen.

ART. 10. To see if the town will accept the jury list as prepared by the selectmen.

ART. 11. To see if the town will vote to make the yards of field-drivers town pounds, provided they be also chosen pound-keepers.

ART. 12. To see if the town will vote to reimburse J. M. Cobb, constable, the expenses attending his case with James Webb.

Art. 13. To bring in their ballots, "Yes," or "No," upon the question, "Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale of intoxicating liquors?"

Art. 14. To see if the town will vote to lease for any period of years the right of taking alewives from the Weweantit river, or take any action thereon. [Petition of S B. Briggs and others.

Art. 15. To see if the town will vote to pay Eben Dunham any sum for the transportation of his children to No. 4 school in the past. [Request of E. Dunham.

ANDREW GRIFFITH,
FRED A. WARD,
T. T. VAUGHAN,
Selectmen of Carver.

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

For the Year 1891.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN CARVER FOR THE YEAR 1891.

1891.

Jany. 1. Elbridge F. Dunham, of Middleborough, and Abbie E. Shaw, of Carver.

Feby. 14. Eugene E. Shaw and Ella G. Atwood, both of Carver.

Feby. 15. Philip E. Morris and Rosella Westgate, both of Carver.

Feby. 18. Frank N. Sherman, of Carver, and Clara W. Packard, of Brockton.

Feby. 22. John L. Benson, of Middleboro, and Kate A. Southworth, of Carver.

April 23. Preston T. Manter, of Carver, and Mary A. Benson, of Middleborongh.

April 30. Oliver L. Shurtleff and Annie G. Peckham, both of Carver.

May 9. William S. McFarlin, of Carver, and Elizabeth C. Monroe, of Middleboro.

July 2. George F. Shaw, of Carver, and Hannah M. Shaw, of Middleboro.

July 23. John L. Parker and Fanny J. Linton, both of Carver.

Aug. 1. John Cox and Huldah E. Benson, both of Carver.

Aug. 2. Ira B. Bumpus and Carrie I. Howland, both of Carver.

Oct. 19. Arthur C. Atwood and Ida M. Westgate, both of Carver.

Nov. 15. William F. Stringer and Sophia A. Stringer, both of Carver.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN CARVER FOR THE YEAR 1891.

Date of Birth, 1891.	NAME.	PARENTS.
Feby. 19,	Robert Ellsworth Dimond,	Fred A. and Maria W.
Mch. 19,	Esther Augusta Burbank,	Arthur W. and Ruth H.
April 5,	Bertha Bell Hackett,	Edward W. and Emeline E.
April 15,	Ida May Shurtleff,	George A. and Syrvell M.
April 23,	Roy Atwood,	John S. and Susan M.
April 30,	Georgia Myrtle Bates,	Charles L. and Georgianna R.
June 4,	Arthur Leavitt McKay,	James S. and Helen F.
Aug. 1,	Birt Cleveland Chandler,	Samuel B. and Mary D.
Aug. 9,	Susan Cushman Lincoln,	Alfred F. and Mary A.
Aug. 13,	Horace Delvert Stringer,	Andrew and Hezediah.
Aug. 29,	Harry Clifford Morris,	Philip E. and Rose A.
Aug. 29,	Verdell Kendrick Morris,	Walter J. and Minnie E.
Sept. 2,	Celia Mertice Bradford,	Albert C. and Laura A.
Sept. 27,	Izette Atwood Cornish,	Ellis H. and Nancy L.
Sept. 27,	Irene Augusta Cornish,	Ellis H. and Nancy L.
Oct. 23,	Norman Stuart Hudson,	Frank W. and Edith L.
Oct. 24,	Jessie Ellen Johnson,	William L. and Grace I.
Oct. 26,	Elsie May Harlow,	Benj. F. and Lucy A.
Nov 23,	Ellsworth Cole Braddock,	Charles and Carrie F.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN CARVER FOR THE YEAR 1891.

Date of Death. 1891.	NAME.	AGE.			CAUSE OF DEATH.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
		Y.	M.	D.		
Jany. 6.	Sarah E. Willard.	59	4	15	Bilious Fever.	Samuel and Susan Chickering.
Jany. 9.	Abigail S. Cole.	84	1	22	Old Age.	Joshua and Elizabeth.
Jany. 9.	Lydia D. Harlow.	82	7	6	Broken Ankle.	Ebenezer and Priscilla Dunham.
Jany. 19.	Hannah L. Chandler.	49	5	—	Disease of Brain.	Harrison G. and Lucy Cole.
Jany. 20.	Lucy Shaw.	87	11	6	Old Age.	Gideon and Lucy Shurtleff.
Jany. 21.	Lazarus W. Rickard.	75	5	—	Congestion of Liver.	Lazarus and Lucy.
Jany. 31.	Benjamin Hammond.	82	9	23	Fatty Degeneration of Heart.	Benjamin and Hannah.
Mch. 15.	Irena M. Cobb.	51	2	—	Consumption.	Levi and Mary.
April 23.	Keziah P. Thomas.	83	4	1	Old Age.	Josiah and Hannah Perkins.
May 14.	Samuel Rickard.	72	2	1	Paralysis.	Lemuel and Nancy.
May 18.	Hope T. Perkins.	73	—	2	Heart Failure.	John and Susan Tillson.
May 23.	Samuel Shaw.	87	10	—	Heart Failure.	Samuel and Lydia.
June 11.	Bertha Bell Hackett.	—	2	6	Disease of Brain.	Edward and E. Elizabeth.
June 18.	Samuel Earl Shaw.	17	7	23	Consumption.	Samuel and Carrie S.
July 3.	Abigail Hathaway.	93	6	—	Old Age.	Edward and Sarah Bump.
July 6.	Henry F. Shurtleff.	49	10	—	Consumption.	Levi and Mary.
Aug. 5.	George H. Thomas.	3	6	3	Typhoid Fever.	Frank and Mildred M.
Sept. 12.	Joseph Michuald.	1	1	—	Diarrhœa.	August and Delina.
Sept. 24.	Nancy B. Chandler.	78	3	22	Paralysis.	Joseph and Nancy Sherman.
Oct. 10.	Roy Atwood.	—	5	17	Cholera Infantum.	John S. and Susan W.
Oct. 30.	Ebenezer Ellis.	80	—	20	Paralysis.	Judah and Elizabeth.
Nov. 12.	George Shurtleff.	71	9	21	Apoplexy.	Luther and Hannah.
Nov. 17.	Henrietta F. Shurtleff.	41	3	—	Hemorrhage.	William and Abigail.
Nov. 23.	Mary J. Chandler.	56	7	—	Heart Failure.	Wilson and Jane B. Griffith.

Summary—Marriages, 14; Births, 19; Deaths. 24.
Number of dogs licensed, 76.

ALBERT T. SHURTLEFF, *Town Clerk.*

SCHOOL REPORT.

To the Citizens of Carver:—

Your Committee respectfully submit the following report for the year ending April 1st, 1892.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

The Primary school has been for the year under the charge of Bernice E. Cornish, who has fully sustained her former reputation as an earnest and successful teacher. The school, though unusually large, has made good progress.

The Grammar school has been under the charge of Lillian W. Dove, a graduate of the Bridgewater Normal School. The teaching has not been confined to the questions and answers in the book, but has been calculated to lead the pupils to think and investigate for themselves. The order in the school has been excellent, and the attendance good, and the school has made very commendable improvement.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

This school commenced with the same teacher as last year, Myra A. Shaw, who resigned at the end of the first term to accept a position as teacher in one of our new territories. Her work in school was excellent, and the Committee were sorry to lose her from our corps of teachers. Lulu Robbins was appointed to fill the vacancy. Though inexperienced, she has labored earnestly and faithfully, and progress and improvement have been made.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

The first term was under the charge of the same teacher as last year, Vesta B. Shaw, who was then transferred to District No. 4 and Sadie F. Atwood was appointed in her place. Miss Atwood has fully sustained her reputation as a faithful and successful teacher. The school during the year has made good progress.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

The Primary school has been under the charge of Lizzie M. Schouler, who has taught this school the five previous terms and has proved herself to be an efficient teacher for the place. She is thorough in instruction and retains the good will of her pupils; and the Committee are pleased to continue her services.

The first term of the Grammar school was taught by Charles L. Bates, who sustained his former reputation, having, with this term, closed his ninth year of service in the public schools of Carver. He is a successful teacher, and the Committee were sorry to receive his resignation, which was tendered for a more lucrative position in a neighboring town. Vesta B. Shaw was transferred from District No. 3 to fill the vacancy and has taught the two remaining terms. She is one of our best teachers and we feel to say that her continual service in the public schools of the town for thirteen years is a sufficient recommendation, but in justice would say she has retained her previous rank and merit, and we are pleased to continue her services.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

This school has had the same teacher as last year, Mrs. Rebecca W. Benson. The school has been larger than usual, as scholars have attended from West Plymouth. Mrs. Benson has done excellent work. At the last visit of the Committee, more was seen to commend and less to criticise than at any previous visit. Scholars and teacher seemed united and earnest in their efforts to make the most of their time and opportunity.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

The first term was taught by G. Gilbert Atwood, who taught the two previous terms with good success; at the close of the term he resigned to enter upon a further course of study. For the remaining two terms the Committee secured the services of Leila B. Thomas, who had previously taught one year in town. She has labored faithfully, and the Committee are pleased to note the good order in her school. Sickness and the weather, together with the long distance many scholars have to travel, have considerably reduced the attendance.

EAST HEAD SCHOOL.

This school started at East Head last year, has been continued this year, and has had thirty weeks of school. The appropriation of $150 by the town has been expended for tuition, the buildings, fuel, &c., being furnished gratuitously by Mr. Turner. The whole number of scholars that have attended is fourteen; two terms enrolling as high as ten names on the register, and one, the last, nine names. The results are as favorable as could be expected under existing circumstances. The first two terms were taught by Orrie E. Clarke; the third by Edna Briggs.

The school year has been the same as last year, thirty-two weeks; though one or more schools, for unavoidable reasons have not had quite that number of weeks. The average for the State is thirty-five weeks and two days; for Plymouth County, thirty-five weeks and four days. The Committee earnestly recommend such addition to the annual appropriations as will enable our scholars to have, at least, the average amount of schooling enjoyed by the schools in our Commonwealth.

We can hardly overestimate the influence and importance of our common schools to the life and prosperity of our country and the permanence and importance of our government and free institutions. And there has never been a time when the best education our schools can possibly give was more needed than now to enable those who go forth from them to meet intelligently and successfully the grave and vital questions and problems of the times. While determined and persistent efforts are being made to break down and destroy our free school system, does it not become every true patriot, every one interested at all in the continuance of our free institutions, to be interested in and ready to make sacrifice, if need be, to sustain and give efficiency to our schools. Good schools, like everything else truly valuable, cost something. But they are worth all they cost. And here we would most earnestly urge parents to interest themselves more in our schools by visiting them and becoming acquainted with the teacher under whose instruction and influence they place their children, and co-operate with and assist, as far as possible, in all the plans and efforts of the teachers for the welfare and improvement of their children. No one who is worthy the name of teacher but would be glad, yea, rejoice, to have parents thus interested. Instead of thus becoming acquainted with the school and teacher by personal knowledge, some parents listen to every unfavorable report brought to them about school or teacher, and hastily and ignorantly form an unfavorable opinion, and use their influence against the teacher and the prosperity of the school. Some of our schools have thus often been greatly injured and their influence for good to a great extent destroyed.

There has been no change of text-books during the year. A set of charts has been put in the schools, which, when rightly

used, cannot fail to be of great assistance in the work of teaching. Some of the teachers are enthusiastic in their praise.

The committee would again call attention to the need of better accommodations for the Primary school in District No. 4. The school-room is sadly inadequate in size and accommodations for the number of scholars that gather there from day to day, and the yard and outbuildings are open to severe criticism. The Committee earnestly recommend that these especially be looked after at once and something be done to put them in a better condition.

Your Committee would again call your attention to a recent act of the Legislature in relation to school attendance, which is as follows: —

"Every person having under his control a child between the ages of eight and fourteen years, shall annually cause such child to attend some public day school in the city or town in which he resides, and such attendance shall continue for at least thirty weeks of the school year, if the schools are kept open that length of time, with an allowance of two weeks' time for absence not excused by the superintendent of schools, or the school committee, and for every neglect of such duty the person offending shall, upon the complaint of the school committee or any truant officer, forfeit to the use of the public schools of such city or town a sum not exceeding twenty dollars; but if such child has attended for a like period of time a private day school, approved by the school committee of such city or town, or if such child has been otherwise instructed for a like period of time in the branches of learning required by law to be taught in the public schools, or has already acquired the branches of learning required to be taught in the public schools, or his physical or mental condition is such as to render such attendance inexpedient or impossible, such penalties shall not be incurred."

This has been disregarded by some parents during the past year, and the Committee may have been remiss in their duty in this matter, but they feel that this law should be regarded, and their duty is plain. A word to the wise is sufficient.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Scholars neither absent nor tardy: —

School No. 1, Grammar.—Second Term.

Embert H. Eames.

Primary.—First Term.

Lena E. Shurtleff. Chester Reckard.

Second Term.

Lillie C. Shurtleff.

Third Term.

Disston Bruce. Chester Reckard.

School No. 2.—First Term.

Mabel W. Holmes. Stephen S. Richards.

Second Term.

Frank F. Weston. Harry F. Shurtleff.

School No. 3.—Second Term.

Myrtle A. Shaw. Ellsworth Shaw

School No. 4, Grammar.—First Term.

Mabel McFarlin. Donald McFarlin.

Alice C. Tillson.

Second Term.

Fannie W. Briggs. Ernest Dunham.
Bernice E. Briggs. Donald McFarlin.
Alice C. Tillson. J. Eddie Swift.

Third Term.

J. Eddie Swift.

Primary.—First Term.

Helen McFarlin. Harvey Swift.

Blanche Tillson.

Second Term.

Eddie Burke. Edna Briggs.
Helen McFarlin. Elmer McFarlin.
Hervey Swift. Millard Swift.

THIRD TERM.

Harvey Swift.

School No. 5.—SECOND TERM.

Clarence Hines.

School No. 8.—FIRST TERM.

Mercy B. Griffith. Almon W. Howe,

B. Freddie Howe.

SECOND TERM.

Mercy B. Griffith. Susie C. Hudson.

East Head School.—FIRST TERM.

Elmie C. Bump.

SECOND TERM.

Elmie C. Bump Laura Bump.

Ellsworth Shaw.

MONEY APPROPRIATED FOR SCHOOLS.

Raised by taxation,	$1,500 00
Received from Ellis Fund,	160 00
Received from Pratt Fund,	100 00
Received from Massachusetts School Fund,	267 64
Received from dog licenses,	110 97
	$2,138 61

Expenditures: —

Teachers' wages,	$1,923 10
Janitors' services,	50 00
Wood, cutting, etc.,	106 69
Cleaning school-houses,	17 78
	$2,097 57

For financial statistics relating to school supplies and school house repairs, reference may be had to the Selectmen's Report.

NEHEMIAH LINCOLN,
GUSTAVUS ATWOOD,
JAMES J. TOBEY,
School Committee.

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

SCHOOLS.	TERMS.	TEACHERS.	No. of Weeks.	Wages per Week.	Visitors.	No. Pupils per Term.	Ave. Membership per Term.	Ave. Attendance per Term.	No. between 8 and 14 Years.	No. under 5 Years.	No. over 15 Years.	Ave. Membership for Year, each Dist.	Ave. Membership for Year in Town.	Ave. Attendance for Year, Each Dist.	Ave. Attendance in Town for Year.	Cost per Scholar.
	1	Lillian W. Dove.	11		23	18	16.3	14.3	14	0	2					
No. 1, Grammar.	2	"	12	$8.00	5	15	15	12.6	14	0	3	16.1		13.4		
	3	"	9		11	17	17	13.2	14	0	6					
	1	Bernice E. Cornish.	11	7.00	32	37	29.3	27.3	19	0						
No. 1, Primary.	2	"	12	7.50	11	36	32.4	27.7	18	0	1	32.2		25.5		
	3	"	9	7.50	9	37	34.7	21.4	19	0	1					
	1	Myra A. Shaw.	12	7.50	11	14	11.2	7.8	8	0	2					
No. 2.	2	Lulu Robbins.	10	6.50	10	18	16.1	13	13	0	2	12.6		9		
	3	"	7 2-5	6.50	18	12	10.5	6.3	8	0	2					
	1	Vesta B. Shaw.	12	8.00		24	22	19.5								
No. 3.	2	Sadie F. Atwood.	9	8.00	8	24	22.3	20	10	2	2	22.5		19.5		
	3	"	11	8.00	4	24	23.3	19	9	2	3					
	1	Charles L. Bates.	12	10.00	17	16	15.2	13.9	12	0	4					
No. 4, Grammar.	2	Vesta B. Shaw.	9	9.00	15	24	21.7	20.4	17	0	7	21	167.1	17.7	140.1	$13.11
	3	"	10	9 00	6	23	21.7	18.7	17	0	6					
	1	Lizzie M. Shouler,	12	7.00	7	28	24.1	23	15	1	0					
No. 4, Primary.	2	"	9	7.50	3	22	20.3	19.6	10	0	0	21.4		20.1		
	3	"	10	7.50	1	23	19.7	17.8	12	0	0					
	1	Mrs. Rebecca W. Benson.	11	7.00	8	18	16.5	14.5	8	0	2					
No. 5.	2	"	11	7.00	9	25	20.4	18	13	0	5	19.5		16.7		
	3	"	10	8.00	12	24	21.7	17.7	14	0	3					
	1	G. Gilbert Atwood.	12	7.50	14	16	14.9	11.5	10	0	1					
No. 8.	2	Leila B. Thomas.	8	7.50	1	19	15.8	14.3	12	0	3	14.8		13.2		
	3	"	9 3-5	7.50	4	17	13.6	10.7	12	0	2					
East Head School.	1	Orrie E. Clark.	10	5.00	1	10	8	5.2	4	0	0					
	2	"	8	5.00	14	10	7.5	4.9	4	1	0	7		5		
	3	M. Elvira Briggs.	12	5.00	5	9	5.6	5	4	0	1					